

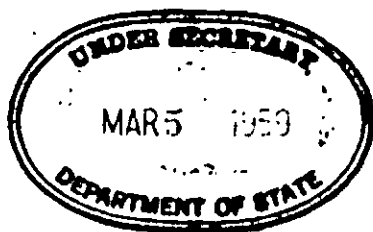
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**BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON.**

**March 5, 1950.**



*Dear Chris,*

Many thanks for your telephone message confirming that the dates proposed for the visit of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary are acceptable to you.

I have since had a message from Selwyn Lloyd to say that the Prime Minister and he ideally would have preferred to come to Washington sooner, but they do not see how it is practically possible to improve the timetable now agreed. All the same he thinks that it is of great importance that we should none of us allow our thinking to solidify if the arrangements now made are to be of use. The Prime Minister may have new ideas to discuss with the President, arising out of what he has learned in Moscow and will hear in Paris and Bonn.

Of course when the Prime Minister does come, he will greatly look forward to talking over the whole of the German and European problem and what our position should be at any conference with the Russians. As to this there is also the question of how we should

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The Honourable.  
Christian A. Herter,  
Acting Secretary of State

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